

Celebrating the Life Of
Elinor Mae Napoleon

Sunrise: May 30, 1926

Sunset: August 7, 2017



Service:

Thursday, August 10, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Michael Edwards, Officiating

Obituary

Elinor Mae Newkirk was born on May 30, 1926 to the late Lloyd Thomas Newkirk and Sarah Jane Newkirk. Elinor had many names of endearment. She was known as Sissie, Americas oldest teenager, Mother, Mama, Darling, Ella Mae, Road Runner and Mercedes.

Elinor went to Douglass High School in magnolia, North Carolina and graduated in June of 1954 from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.

On December 31, 1952, Elinor married the late Elijah Napoleon, and to this union had one daughter; Sharon Lorraine Napoleon.

Elinor worked in Gimbels Department Store from 1961 to September of 1986 until they closed. She loved her job and was a very hard and dedicated worker. Elinor was a Senior Aide at Dewitt Reformed Church, which honored her for her work in the church. Elinor would become a teacher at Dewitt Reformed Church and served as such for several years. For eight years of her life, she also worked at The Boys and Girls Republic (BGR). Elinor was involved with different organizations such as becoming a member of The Christian Education Committee, a member and the corresponding secretary of the Women's Guild, and a Honorary member of the South Carolina State University Alumni.

She liked to travel, and has been a number of places including; Freeport Bahamas, Canada, Hawaii and New Orleans, Louisiana. From 1967 until 2011 she would attend ever one of her Homecoming Reunions from Fayetteville State University. Elinor enjoyed reading and writing poetry in her free time.

Elinor leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter; Sharon Napoleon, brother; Euray Edward Newkirk (Ruby) from Brooklyn, NY, sisters; Maggie Leatha Newkirk from Magnolia, NC, Evelyn Barfield from Raleigh, NC, and Margie Ruth Fennell from Harrisburg, NC, her dear and close friend; Sidney Robinson, her special son; Edward Boyd, Mrs. Lillian Robinson, Mrs. Connie Wilkerson, Mrs. Connie Martin, Mrs. Inell Howell, Mrs. Alice Fields, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Mrs. Betty Thomas, Mrs. Phyllis Marie Davis Amos, and Mr. Lorenzo Ward and Mrs. Robin Ward.

Some of Elinor Favorite Quotes:

“It’s not always the leaning tree that falls”

“Time bring about change”

“Business before pleasure”

E- Elegant

L- Loving

I- Independent

N- Nice

O- Outstanding

R- Radiant

M- Magnificent

A- Assisting

E- Educated

“Fight the fire that is closest to the house”

“I never had a bad pain in my life”

“I paddle my own canoe”

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading.....Dr. Michael Edwards
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks.....Sharon Napoleon
Lathan Woods
Rev. Robin Ward
Rev. Lorenzo Ward

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy.....Dr. Michael Edwards

Committal.....Dr. Michael Edwards

Recessional

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Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
 Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
 Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
 Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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